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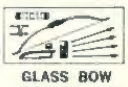
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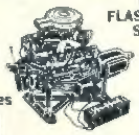
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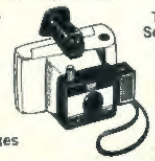
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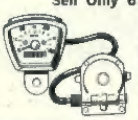
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GLOOMS, GLUMS, BLUES, SHE HAD THEM ALL THAT WEEK END...
POO! THIS IS FOR THE BIRDS! I'VE GOTTA GET OVER THIS FEELING!
AND WHEN A GIRL FEELS THIS WAY--
SOME NEW CLOTHES ARE IN ORDER!
SOON, LINDA LEE (SUPER-GIRL) DANVERS, DRIVES HER CAR THROUGH STANHOPE...
..AND INTO GOTHAM CITY WHERE SHE BEGINS A TOUR OF THE CITY'S BOUTIQUES...
THIS IS ONE I'VE NEVER BEEN TO BEFORE-- I'LL GIVE IT A TRY--
GOOD AFTER-NOON, MISS! CAN I BE OF ANY HELP?
SOMETHING TO CHASE AWAY THE GLOOMS--?
SOON--
MMM--THIS IS GROOVY--SHOW ME MORE-- I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL BETTER ALREADY!
WITH EACH NEW DRESS, LINDA'S SPIRITS REVIVE TO THAT BEST OF THERAPY FOR THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES--A NEW OUTFIT--OR SEVERAL...
I'LL TAKE THIS ONE TOO!
SUDDENLY, LINDA GIVES A START OF SURPRISE...
WHY--THAT'S WONDER WOMAN--SO THIS IS WHAT SHE'S DOING NOW THAT SHE'S RENOUNCED HER SUPER-POWERS! IN A WAY, I ENVY HER--
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SOME TIME LATER, HER SPIRITS RAISED AND HER BANK ACCOUNT DEFLATED, LINDA RETURNS TO THE STANHOPE CAMPUS...
STAN UNIV
HEY-- SOMETHING'S GOING ON--
HOPE IT'S NOT THE BEGINNING OF A RIOT--
LINDA! I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE BACK--YOU MISSED IT!
MISSED WHAT? TELL ME!
THE GIRL THEY FOUND! THE ONE THAT CAN'T SPEAK OR HEAR!
SHE'S AT THE HOSPITAL NOW. SHE'S A NEW STUDENT HERE-- THEY FOUND HER WANDERING ON CAMPUS THIS MORNING...
...NOTHING THEY'VE DONE SEEMS TO HAVE ANY EFFECT-- SHE'S STILL IN A COMATOSE STATE--
--SHE CAN'T OR WON'T SPEAK--SHE JUST STARES-- EVERYONE ON CAMPUS IS SCARED STIFF!
SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING SUPER-GIRL CAN HANDLE A LOT BETTER THAN LINDA DANVERS CAN!
THAT NIGHT, A FIGURE IN A FAMILIAR UNIFORM STARES DOWN ON THE STILL FIGURE OF THE MYSTERY GIRL...
WHAT COULD HAVE CAUSED THIS?
I'LL TRY TO DELVE INTO HER SUBCONSCIOUS--
MAYBE I CAN LEARN SOMETHING--
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CONCENTRATING WITH A MIGHTY EFFORT, SUPERGIRL DELVES DEEPLY INTO THE GIRL'S SUBCONSCIOUS...
I'M GETTING SOMETHING... IT'S GETTING... CLEARER--
A MOMENT LATER, ALMOST AS THOUGH SHE WAS WATCHING A MOTION PICTURE SCREEN, SUPERGIRL SEES AND HEARS...
C'MON, KID--YOU DON'T WANT TO BE A SQUARE ALL YOUR LIFE--
GEE, I DON'T KNOW...
BUT THEY KEPT AT ME, AND IF IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO GET IN WITH THE CROWD, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GO WITH THEM. THAT AFTERNOON I SAID OKAY, AND THAT NIGHT I WAS TAKEN TO CARSON'S MEADOW IN BACK OF THE OLD GRAVEYARD AND THERE--
ZOND ZOND ZOND
WE BRING THEE A NEW CONVERT, O MIGHTY ZOND!
LET HER COME FORWARD AND FACE ZOND--
--WE MUST TEST HER FIRST--
4

"SLOWLY I APPROACHED THE FIGURE CALLED ZOND--"
COME CLOSER, MY CHILD-- COME TO THY NEW MASTER--
HERE, LET ME GIVE YOU A GOOD LOOK--
DO NOT BE AFRAID-- COME-- LOOK-- LOOK!
EEEEEEEEEE
GO ON-- GO ON!
I'VE LOST HER--HER MIND'S GONE BLANK-- IT MUST HAVE BEEN SUCH A HORRIBLE EXPERIENCE, SHE'S COMPLETELY BLANKED IT FROM HER MIND.
THAT LEAVES ME WITH ONLY ONE ALTERNA-TIVE--
AS SUPERGIRL WALKS AWAY FROM THE HELPLESS FIGURE, SHE THINKS--
I'VE GOT TO INFILTRATE INTO THEIR GROUP SOMEHOW AND MEET THIS ZOND, FACE-TO-FACE!
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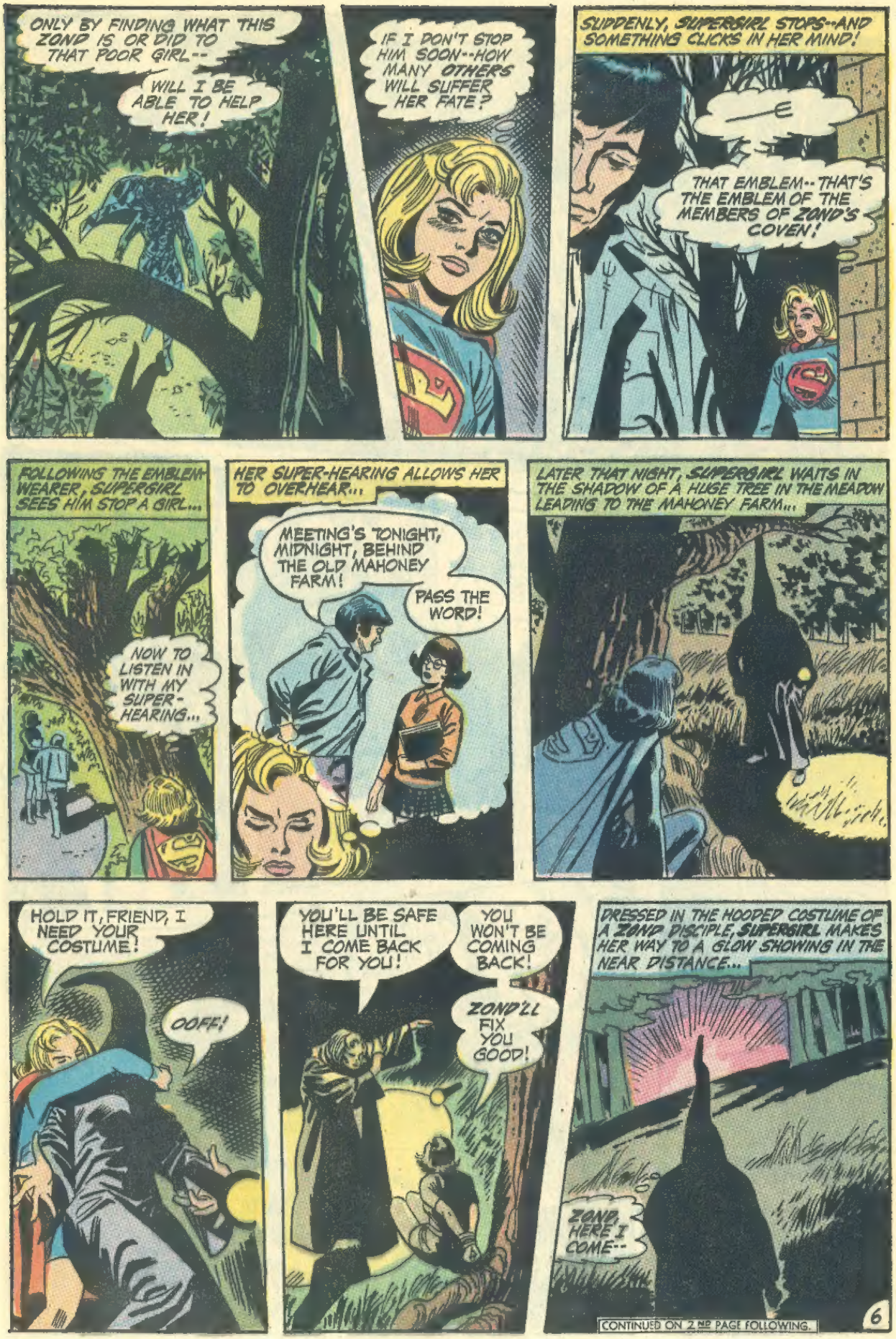
ONLY BY FINDING WHAT THIS ZOND IS OR DID TO THAT POOR GIRL--
WILL I BE ABLE TO HELP HER!
IF I DON'T STOP HIM SOON--HOW MANY OTHERS WILL SUFFER HER FATE?
SUDDENLY, SUPERGIRL STOPS--AND SOMETHING CLICKS IN HER MIND!
THAT EMBLEM--THAT'S THE EMBLEM OF THE MEMBERS OF ZOND'S COVEN!
FOLLOWING THE EMBLEM-WEARER, SUPERGIRL SEES HIM STOP A GIRL...
NOW TO LISTEN IN WITH MY SUPER-HEARING...
HER SUPER-HEARING ALLOWS HER TO OVERHEAR...
MEETING'S TONIGHT, MIDNIGHT, BEHIND THE OLD MAHONEY FARM!
PASS THE WORD!
LATER THAT NIGHT, SUPERGIRL WAITS IN THE SHADOW OF A HUGE TREE IN THE MEADOW LEADING TO THE MAHONEY FARM...
HOLD IT, FRIEND, I NEED YOUR COSTUME!
OOFF!
YOU'LL BE SAFE HERE UNTIL I COME BACK FOR YOU!
YOU WON'T BE COMING BACK!
ZOND'LL FIX YOU GOOD!
DRESSED IN THE HOODED COSTUME OF A ZOND DISCIPLE, SUPERGIRL MAKES HER WAY TO A GLOW SHOWING IN THE NEAR DISTANCE...
ZOND, HERE I COME--
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ZOND ZOND
SUDDENLY THERE IS A BRILLIANT FLASH-- A CLOUD OF SMOKE-- AND ZOND STANDS IN FRONT OF HIS DISCIPLES!
ZOND
ZOND
THE CHANT BECOMES EVEN MORE FRENZIED...
ZOND
ZOND
BUT THE FIGURE RAISES HIS ARM AND IN A BOOMING VOICE SHOUTS...
WAIT! THERE IS A SPY AMONG US--
AND THERE SHE IS!
HOW COULD HE KNOW?
WELL, SINCE HE DOES KNOW...
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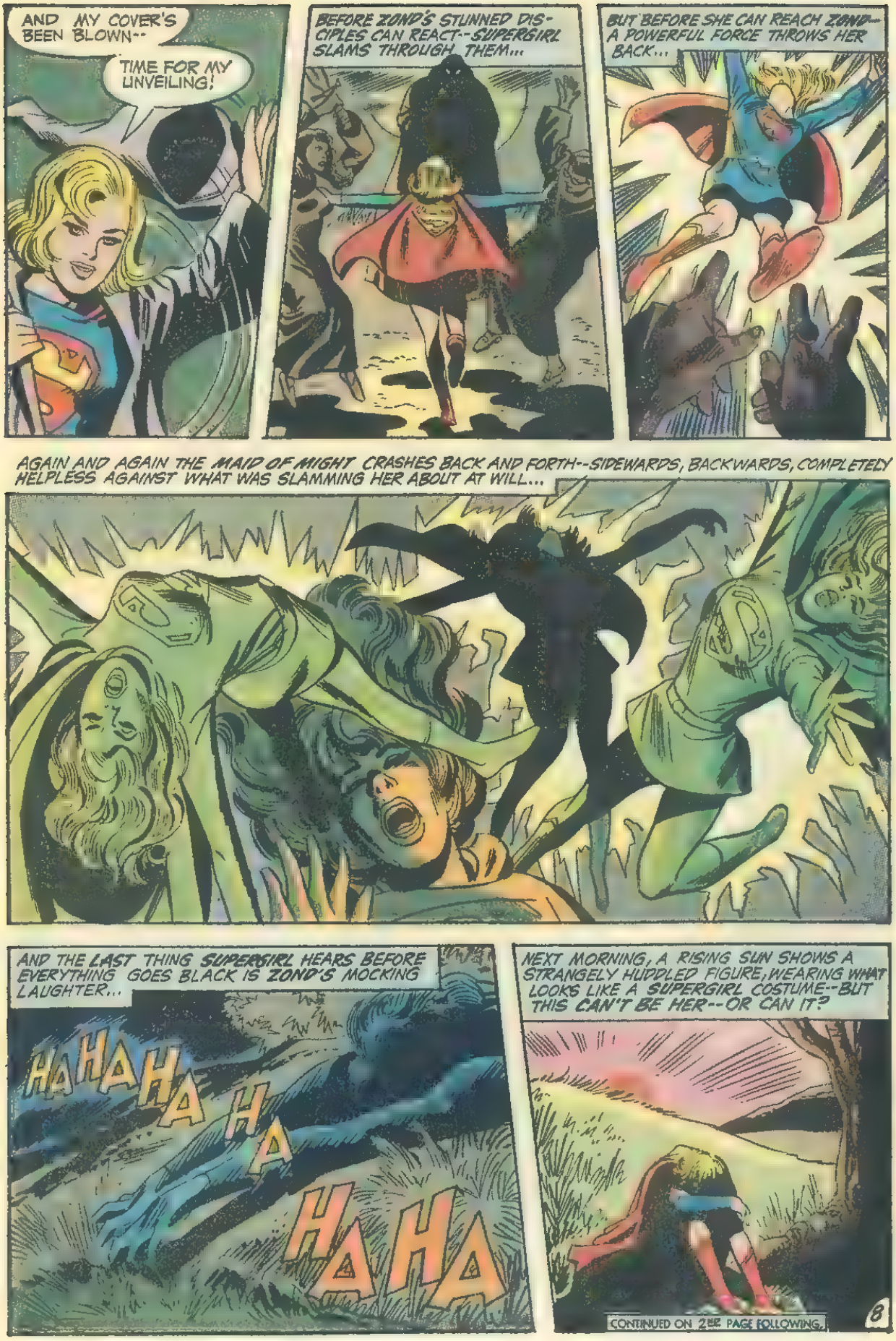
AND MY COVER'S BEEN BLOWN--
TIME FOR MY UNVEILING!
BEFORE ZOND'S STUNNED DISCIPLES CAN REACT--SUPERGIRL SLAMS THROUGH THEM...
BUT BEFORE SHE CAN REACH ZOND--A POWERFUL FORCE THROWS HER BACK...
AGAIN AND AGAIN THE MAID OF MIGHT CRASHES BACK AND FORTH--SIDEWARDS, BACKWARDS, COMPLETELY HELPLESS AGAINST WHAT WAS SLAMMING HER ABOUT AT WILL...
AND THE LAST THING SUPERGIRL HEARS BEFORE EVERYTHING GOES BLACK IS ZOND'S MOCKING LAUGHTER...
HAHAHAHAHAHA
NEXT MORNING, A RISING SUN SHOWS A STRANGELY HUDDLED FIGURE, WEARING WHAT LOOKS LIKE A SUPERGIRL COSTUME--BUT THIS CAN'T BE HER--OR CAN IT?
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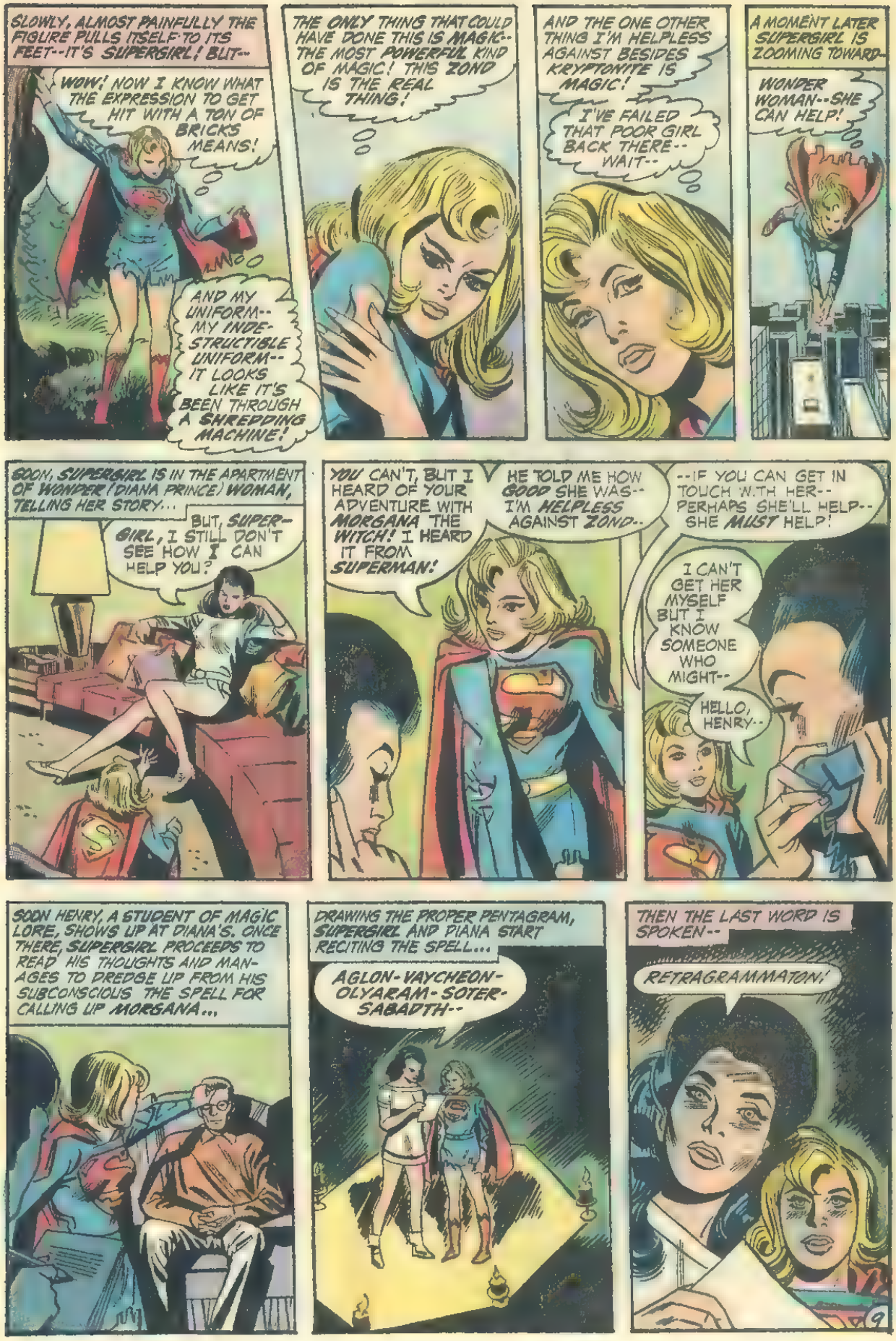
SLOWLY, ALMOST PAINFULLY THE FIGURE PULLS ITSELF TO ITS FEET--IT'S SUPERGIRL! BUT--
WOW! NOW I KNOW WHAT THE EXPRESSION TO GET HIT WITH A TON OF BRICKS MEANS!
AND MY UNIFORM-- MY INDESTRUCTIBLE UNIFORM-- IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN THROUGH A SHREDDING MACHINE!
THE ONLY THING THAT COULD HAVE DONE THIS IS MAGIC-- THE MOST POWERFUL KIND OF MAGIC! THIS ZOND IS THE REAL THING!
AND THE ONE OTHER THING I'M HELPLESS AGAINST BESIDES KRYPTONITE IS MAGIC!
I'VE FAILED THAT POOR GIRL BACK THERE-- WAIT--
A MOMENT LATER SUPERGIRL IS ZOOMING TOWARD--
WONDER WOMAN--SHE CAN HELP!
SOON, SUPERGIRL IS IN THE APARTMENT OF WONDER (DIANA PRINCE) WOMAN, TELLING HER STORY...
BUT, SUPERGIRL, I STILL DON'T SEE HOW I CAN HELP YOU?
YOU CAN'T, BUT I HEARD OF YOUR ADVENTURE WITH MORGANA THE WITCH! I HEARD IT FROM SUPERMAN!
HE TOLD ME HOW GOOD SHE WAS-- I'M HELPLESS AGAINST ZOND..
--IF YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH W.TH HER-- PERHAPS SHE'LL HELP-- SHE MUST HELP!
I CAN'T GET HER MYSELF BUT I KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT--
HELLO, HENRY--
SOON HENRY, A STUDENT OF MAGIC LORE, SHOWS UP AT DIANA'S. ONCE THERE, SUPERGIRL PROCEEDS TO READ HIS THOUGHTS AND MANAGES TO DREDGE UP FROM HIS SUBCONSCIOUS THE SPELL FOR CALLING UP MORGANA...
DRAWING THE PROPER PENTAGRAM, SUPERGIRL AND DIANA START RECITING THE SPELL...
AGLON-VAYCHEON-OLYARAM-SOTER-SABADTH--
THEN THE LAST WORD IS SPOKEN--
RETRAGRAMMATON!
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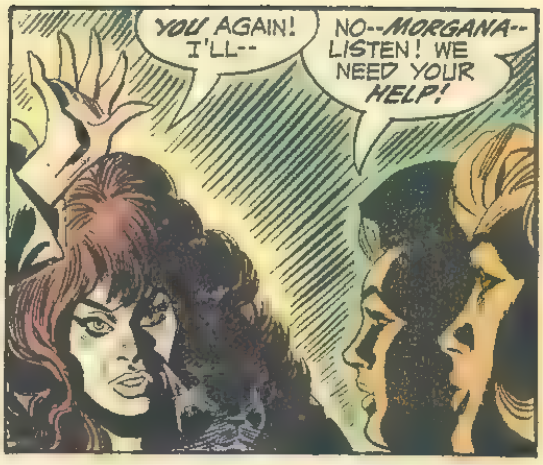
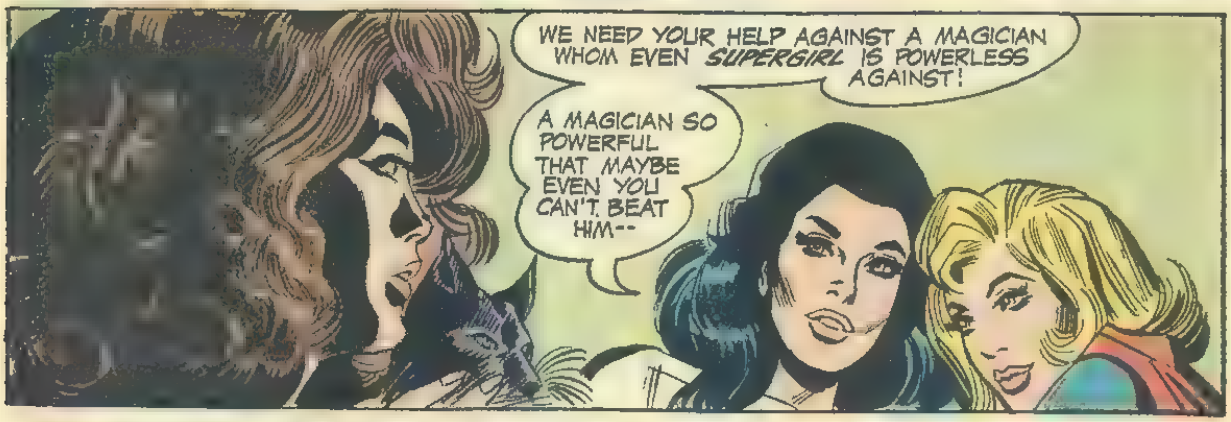
AND AS THAT VAST MYSTERIOUS WORD RINGS OUT--
MORGANA APPEARS...
WHO DARES CALL MORGANA?


YOU AGAIN! I'LL--
NO--MORGANA--LISTEN! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

HELP?! HOW CAN I HELP YOU--EVEN IF I WANTED TO--WHICH I DON'T!
LISTEN--


WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAINST A MAGICIAN WHOM EVEN SUPERGIRL IS POWERLESS AGAINST!
A MAGICIAN SO POWERFUL THAT MAYBE EVEN YOU CAN'T BEAT HIM--

I CAN'T BEAT HIM?! WHY YOU--I OUGHT TO--WHAT IS THIS AMATEUR'S NAME?

ZOND!
ZOND?!

SO THAT IS WHERE THAT LITTLE GRUB IS HIDING!?
LEAD ME TO HIM--I'LL SOON MAKE SHORT WORK OF THAT CHARLATAN!

YOU KNOW HIM?
KNOW HIM? HE WAS MY MOTHER, MORGAN LEFAY'S STABLE HAND!
HE STOLE ONE OF HER BOOKS ON MAGIC AND WENT INTO BUSINESS FOR HIMSELF!
WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR HIM THROUGH TIME-- BUT TO NO AVAIL--
WELL YOU'VE FOUND HIM NOW-- BUT FIRST--
NEITHER OF YOU CAN GO OUT DRESSED THAT WAY!
LET'S SEE WHAT I HAVE HERE--
SEVERAL MINUTES LATER...
NOT BAD-- NOT BAD AT ALL!
MMM-- IT DOES SEEM TO HAVE SOMETHING OVER THE OLD ONE...
IT DOES HAVE SOME CHARM, I MUST ADMIT.
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SOON THE THREE ARE ON THEIR WAY TO STANHOPE CAMPUS-- WHEN...
THERE ARE THREE OF ZOND'S PEOPLE-- LET'S SEE WHAT MY SUPER-HEARING CAN PICK UP...
HOW DO YOU KNOW THEY ARE ZONPS?
SEE THAT EMBLEM THEY'RE WEARING?
THEY ALL WEAR IT--
AND MY SUPER-HEARING TELLS ME THERE'S A MEETING TONIGHT AT MIDNIGHT IN PERKINS' MEADOW.
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THIS PERKINS' MEADOW IS?
YES, AND I'LL BE THERE--
AND SO WILL WE-- REMEMBER THAT, SUPERGIRL!
THAT NIGHT IN PERKINS' MEADOW, ZOND CALLS HIS DISCIPLES TO ORDER...
BEFORE WE GO ON-- WE ARE AGAIN--
BEING SPIED UPON--
AND AGAIN ZOND WILL SHOW YOU HIS POWER...
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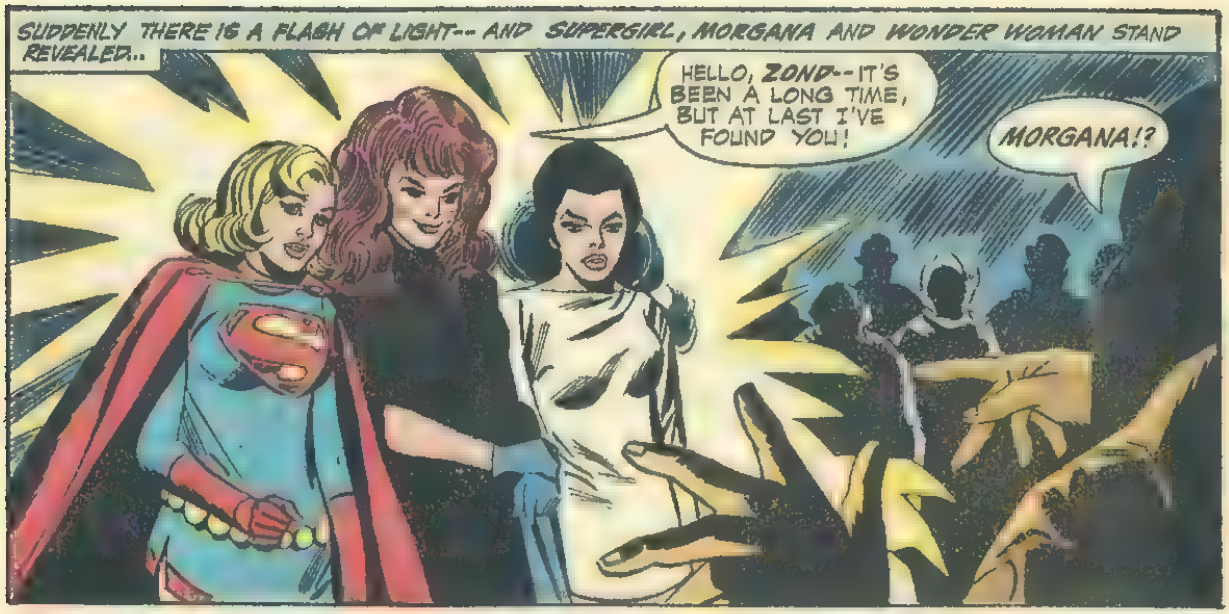
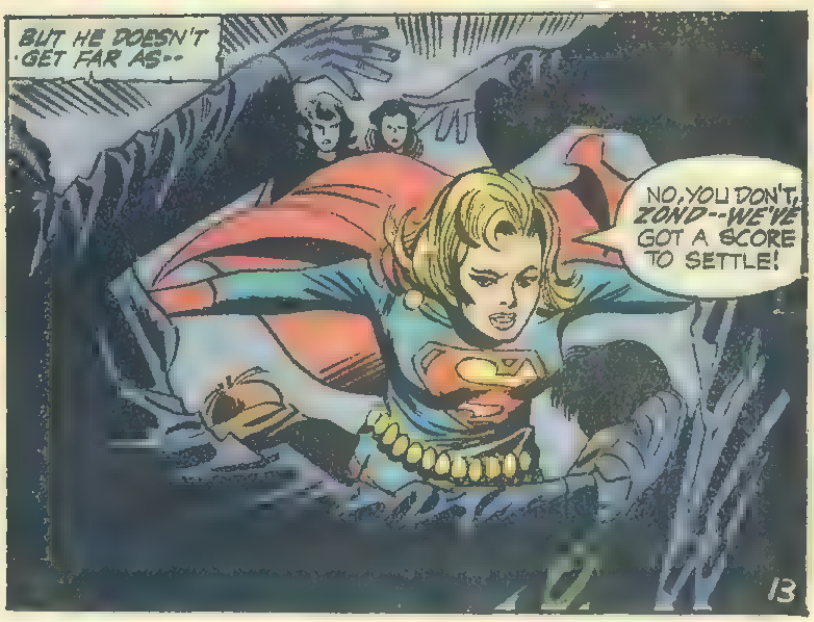

SUDDENLY THERE IS A FLASH OF LIGHT-- AND SUPERGIRL, MORGANA AND WONDER WOMAN STAND REVEALED...
HELLO, ZOND--IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, BUT AT LAST I'VE FOUND YOU!
MORGANA!?

YES, MORGANA, YOU LITTLE SNEAK-- COME TO TAKE YOU BACK FOR YOUR PUNISHMENT!

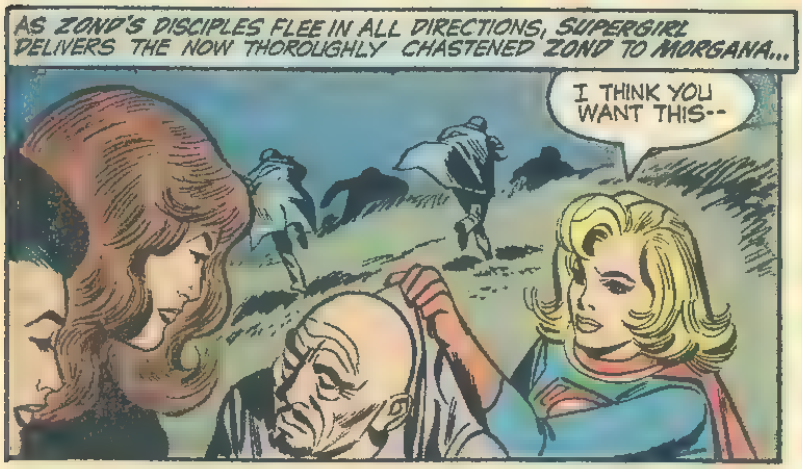
AS MORGANA GESTURES, A GREAT LIGHT FLARES UP AND ZOND IS REVEALED...

BUT NOT THE REAL ZOND, AS A SECOND GESTURE BY MORGANA REVEALS THAT ZOND IS HUMAN--NOT A DEMON...

WITH A SCREAM OF TERROR, ZOND TURNS AND RUNS...
YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME!


BUT HE DOESN'T GET FAR AS--
NO, YOU DON'T, ZOND--WE'VE GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE!

A HAND REACHES OUT--GRASPS THE TERROR-STRICKEN ZOND--AND...
NO! NO! PLEASE-- NO MORE!
OH, YES, JUST ONE MORE!
HOLD IT!
PARDON MY HEEL, HEEL!
WHOM
OK!


AS ZOND'S DISCIPLES FLEE IN ALL DIRECTIONS, SUPERGIRL DELIVERS THE NOW THOROUGHLY CHASTENED ZOND TO MORGANA...
I THINK YOU WANT THIS--

BUT BEFORE YOU GO, MORGANA-- WILL YOU DO ME ONE MORE FAVOR?

A LITTLE LATER, MORGANA IS BENDING OVER THE STRICKEN GIRL. A FEW WORDS IN HER EAR AND THE LOOK OF TERROR IS REPLACED BY A LOOK OF PEACE...
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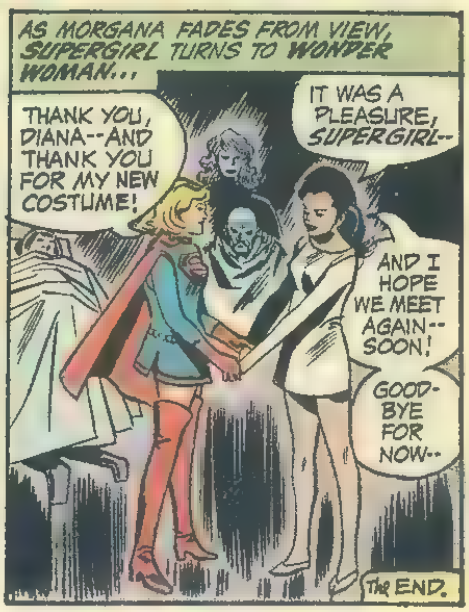
SHE WILL SLEEP NOW-- AND WHEN SHE AWAKENS-- SHE WILL REMEMBER NOTHING...
I WILL GO NOW AND DELIVER THAT WORM ZOND TO HIS FATE!


AS MORGANA FADES FROM VIEW, SUPERGIRL TURNS TO WONDER WOMAN...
THANK YOU, DIANA--AND THANK YOU FOR MY NEW COSTUME!
IT WAS A PLEASURE, SUPERGIRL--
AND I HOPE WE MEET AGAIN-- SOON!
GOOD-BYE FOR NOW--
THE END.

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- ☐ e. From a friend (or enemy)
- ☐ f. Other _____ fill in

(Q2) Did your parents buy it for you or did you buy it yourself? Check one.

- ☐ a. I bought it
- ☐ b. Mother or father bought it
- ☐ c. Other _____ fill in

(Q3) How many comics do you buy a month? (please circle one)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 more

(Q4) What did you do with your free time last week? **How many hours?**

- ☐ watch tv _____
- ☐ read a magazine _____
- ☐ listen to records _____
- ☐ read a book _____
- ☐ go to a movie _____
- ☐ read a comic mag _____
- ☐ play sports _____
- ☐ my hobby is _____ fill in _____

(Q5) How interested are you in reading about: For each subject check one.

	1. I'm very interested	2. Fairly Interested	3. I am not Interested
a. Pollution	☐	☐	☐
b. Black People	☐	☐	☐
c. Space Flights	☐	☐	☐
d. National Problems	☐	☐	☐
e. City Problems	☐	☐	☐
f. Sports which one	☐	☐	☐
g. Hobbies	☐	☐	☐
h. Romance	☐	☐	☐
i. Astrology	☐	☐	☐

(Q6) What is your favorite kind of comic mag? Check only one.

- ☐ Superhero type
- ☐ Romance type
- ☐ War type
- ☐ Mystery type
- ☐ Humor type

(Q7) How would you like to get your comics? Check one.

- ☐ a. In an assorted pack by mail each month from us at a special price.
- ☐ b. Same way I get them now.

(Q8) What are your two favorites at breakfast? Check only two (2)

- ☐ a. hot cereal
- ☐ b. breakfast drink
- ☐ c. cold cereal
- ☐ d. other _____ fill in

(Q9) What two kinds of records do you like most? Check only two (2)

- ☐ a. rock
- ☐ b. country music
- ☐ c. Bubble gum music
- ☐ d. folk
- ☐ e. soul

(Q10) When do you like to watch TV most? Check only one.

- ☐ a. After school
- ☐ b. Saturday morning
- ☐ c. Sunday
- ☐ d. Night time

(Q11) What TV programs do you like to watch best? Check one.

- ☐ a. cartoons
- ☐ b. adventure shows
- ☐ c. movies
- ☐ d. sports

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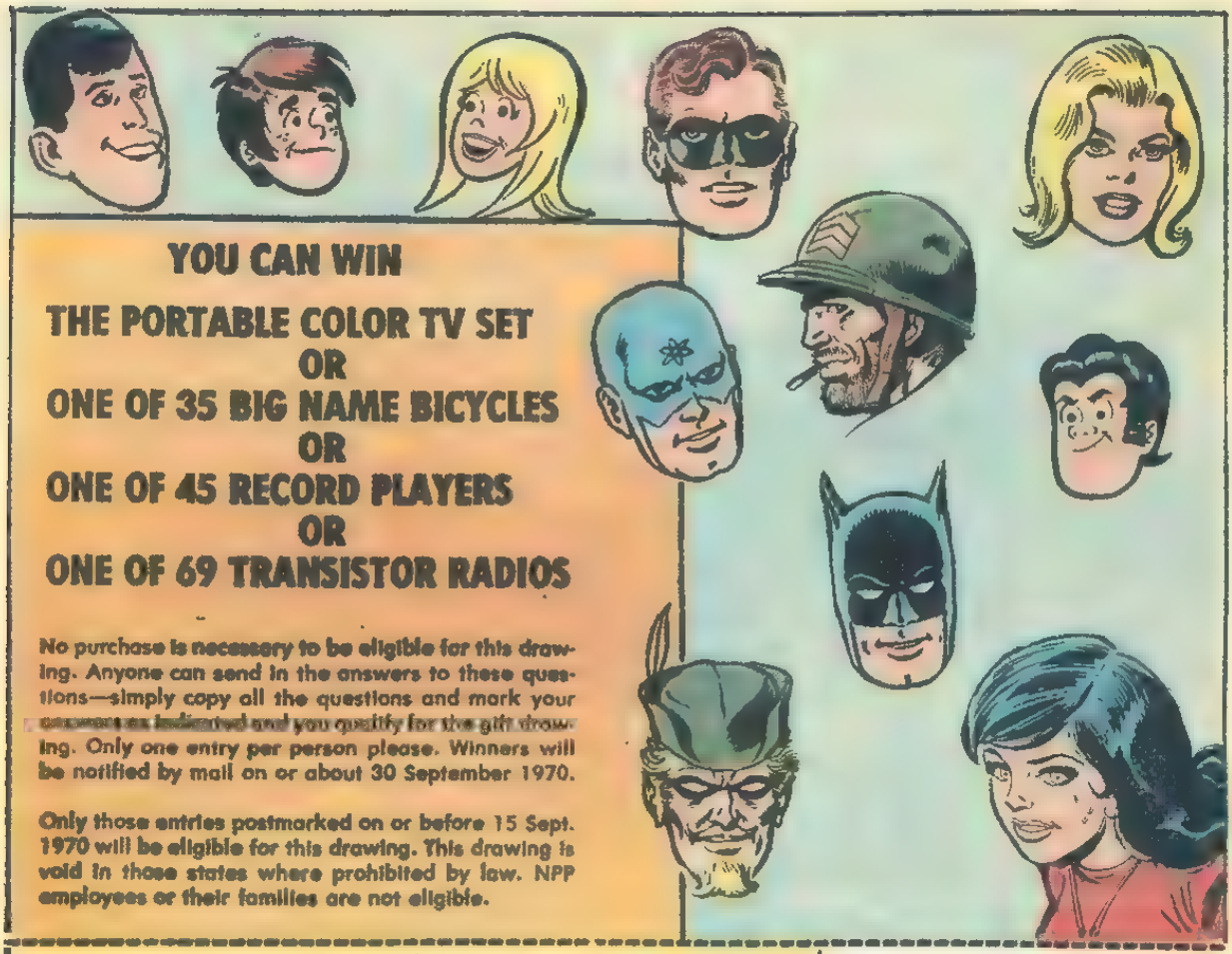

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(Q12) My favorite TV show is

_____

(Q13) Have comics ever helped you in school?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

(Q14) What do you think of the ads in the comic mags? Check one.
- ☐ a. I like to read them most of the time
- ☐ b. I don't read them.

(Q15) Do you buy things advertised in comics?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

(Q16) Comics have helped me in: check one.
- ☐ a. english and spelling
- ☐ b. reading
- ☐ c. science
- ☐ d. history or current events

(Q17) What kinds of sports equipment do you own?

☐ baseball	☐ hunting
☐ football	☐ ice skating
☐ camping	☐ fishing
☐ basketball	☐ bicycling

Q(18) I am ____ years old.

Q(19) I am a boy ☐ girl ☐

(Q20) How much spending money do you have each week?
$_____

(Q21) How much did you spend last week on...
- a. records $_____ e. comics $_____
- b. magazines $_____ f. candy $_____
- c. movies $_____ g. toys $_____
- d. sports $_____ h. hobbies $_____

(Q22) I think the best name for a new comic book character is...

_____ fill in

Q(23) I think a great name for a new comic is...

_____ fill in

Q(24) My name is

_____
first last

(Q25) My address is

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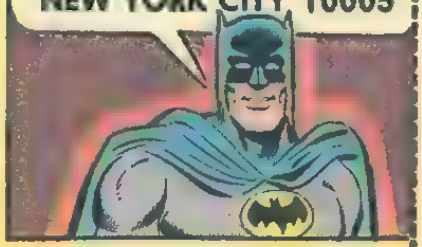

Dear Editor:

I'm afraid that I didn't think too highly of the cover story, "The Unwanted Supergirl," in ADVENTURE #393. Mr. Mxyzptlk has been used so often that his stories must be really original to be good—which this story's idea was not. As for that method of tricking him, it was just average.

"The Girl Who Knew Supergirl's Secrets" was a lot better. I liked the insight into the Argo City disaster ...I'd guessed about the self-sealing dome, but at last *you* admitted it. (By the way, are you sure everyone *did* die in Argo City? Suppose an alarmist built a fall-out shelter...?) The rest of the story was also fine ...loved that tie-in with "The Super-Exchange Student."

I suppose "The First Superman" was a reprint, but I enjoyed it. I would like to see more of these, and also some more "Superman Album" pages.

—Richard H. Morrissey, Framingham, Mass.

(Tell us, where would a fallout shelter be built in Argo City? It couldn't be dug in the ground, because that ground was deadly Kryptonite.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I had to write this little letter to tell you how much I enjoyed the last story in issue 393, "The First Superman." It was supposed to be true. But I checked in the encyclopedia and asked my librarian about Angus MacAskill, and you know what? Neither she nor anybody else had ever heard of him. Now, Mr. Editor, you wouldn't be trying to pull a fast one on all us Superman fans, would you? Hmmm?

—William Jackson, Northport, Ala.

(Not a bit of it, as the next two letters will demonstrate.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I particularly enjoy the DC comics that feature an "extra" short story. But of all these stories I've read, "The First Superman" is my favorite. This is because Angus MacAskill happens to be my great-great grandfather. I showed my mother ADVENTURE #393 and she was delighted to see our famous ancestor mentioned. She noticed some mistakes, though. She says that Angus MacAskill was born in Scotland and moved to Nova Scotia at the age of six. Also, the most he ever weighed was about 405 pounds. You also neglected to mention the time he bet another man that he could lift a 2,200-pound anchor with his bare hands. He did it, but this led to the injury of his back. Despite these errors and omissions, though, the story is the most memorable that I've ever seen. Thank you for this tribute to that wonderful man.

—Barry Douglas, Waukesha, Wis.

Dear Editor:

My family enjoyed your article about my "four greats" Uncle Angus. Over the years, I have been telling friends about the giant, but most of them took it tongue-in-cheek. I must call to your attention a few differences between your story and the references I have read: (1) Angus was born in Scotland. (2) His family brought him to Nova Scotia when he was twelve. (3) At 17, he stood 6 feet, 7 inches tall, and at 19, he was 7 feet, 9 inches. (4) The fight with the boxer took place in a barn, rather than outside.

I was surprised there was no mention of the "anchor story"—his most famous exploit—when he lifted a 2,200-pound anchor. After getting it to his shoulders, he threw the anchor—showing off, no doubt—but a fluke caught in his shoulder. This proved to be his downfall, and in a short time, he died. It has been said that his strength and his mentality were in proportion to his size, adding to the fact that he really *was* the original "superman."

—Bruce McAskill, Saginaw, Mich.

(Thanks for the info, boys. And for telling the doubting Thomases—and doubting Williams—that Angus existed. We admit there were some mistakes in the story, which originally appeared in REAL FACT COMICS over 20 years ago. As to whether Angus went to Nova Scotia at the age of six or twelve, you can decide that between yourselves.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

ADVENTURE #393 was delightful. "The First Superman" was a very interesting feature and I hope to see more of them appear in future issues. "The Girl Who Knew Supergirl's Secrets" was well done. I'm glad Dr. Alexander was shown again. Perhaps she can become a semi-regular, and maybe her son can be featured once in a while. "The Unwanted Supergirl" was very good, especially because of the surprise ending. However, I didn't think that Astra would win the Oscar, since she was up against Barbra Streisand. I expected to see a close vote, with Miss Streisand winning by a nose.

—Gerard Triano, Elmont, N.Y.

(But, as we all know, the real winner was Maggie Smith. Anyway, we're sure Barbra will keep on making hit movies. In fact, her theme song may be "Streisand Stars Forever."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Issue #400 will be coming out soon. ADVENTURE will be the second magazine to hit this milestone. I hope you have something big planned, like taking Linda out of college.

—Richard Hahn, New City, N.Y.

(What we have planned, we're not talking about now. Write and tell us what you think of Supergirl's new costume, in the meantime. And by the way, don't miss the Thorn, a new super-heroine debuting in the October LOIS LANE. The address for all comments is SUPER FE-MAIL, National Periodical Publications, 909 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.

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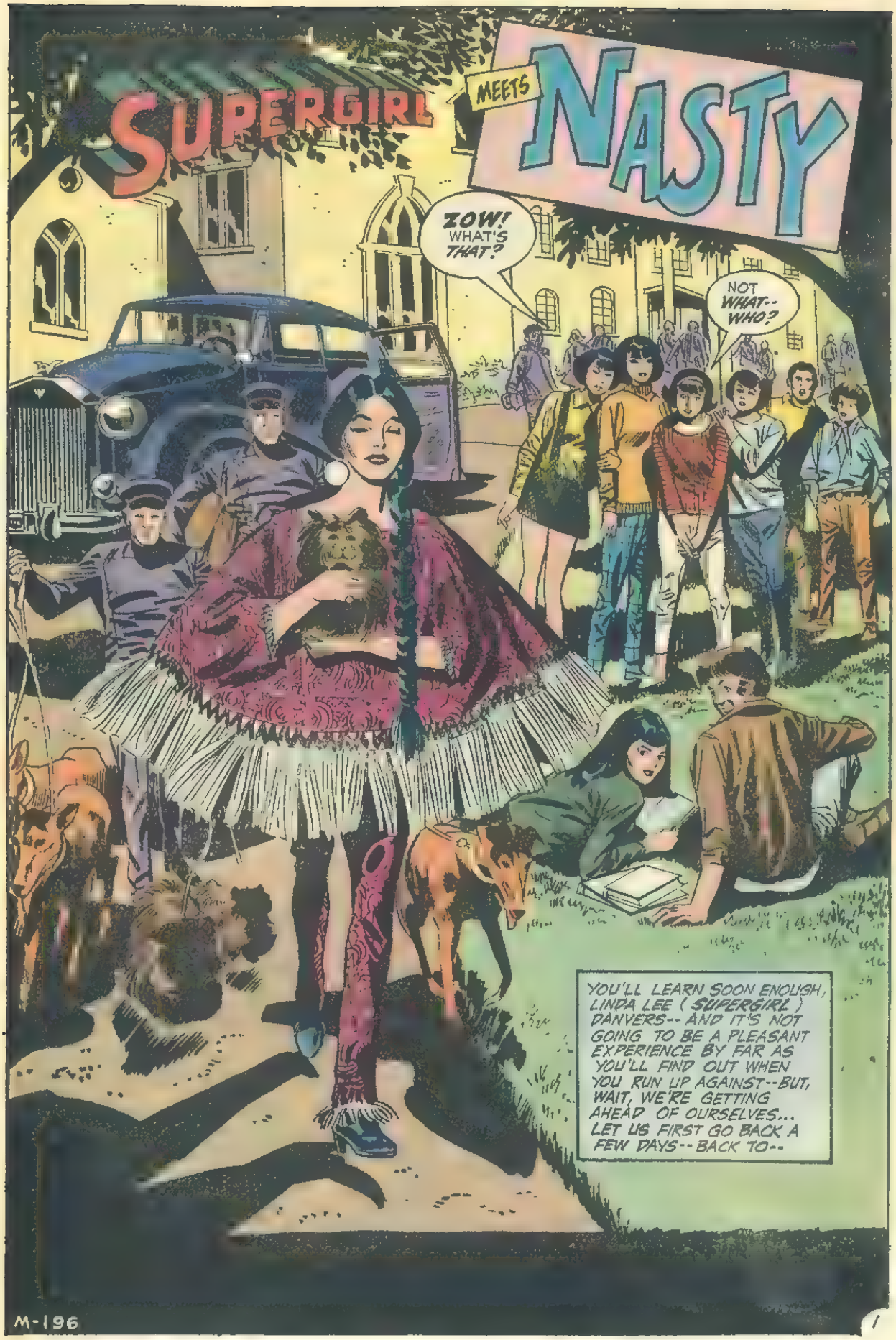
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A HOUSE NOT TOO FAR AWAY FROM THE CAMPUS OF STANHOPE COLLEGE WHERE WE FIND OUR MYSTERIOUS FRIEND FROM PAGE ONE TALKING TO AN OLD ENEMY OF SUPERGIRL-- LEX LUTHOR!
GOOD WORK, DEAR-- NOW IF SHE THINKS AS GOOD AS SHE LOOKS SHE'LL FLUSH OUT THAT SUPER BRAT FOR ME!
DON'T WORRY, UNCLE--I'LL GET HER TO REVEAL HER SECRET IDENTITY!
SPOKEN LIKE A TRUE LUTHOR--
ONCE YOU'VE GOTTEN HER TO REVEAL HERSELF--GET IN TOUCH WITH ME--SHE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT YOUR CONNECTION WITH ME, NASTHALTHIA--
SO SHE'LL BE OFF HER GUARD--
SHE WON'T KNOW I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOUR CALL--
AND WHEN YOU GET MY CALL, WHAT THEN, UNCLE?
THEN--WITH THESE KRYPTONITE-TIPPED BULLETS IN THIS GUN--
I'LL RID MYSELF OF SUPER-PEST FOR GOOD!
FIRST HER--THEN I HAVE PLANS FOR THOSE OTHER SUPER-FREAKS!
THEN--THE WORLD IS MINE!
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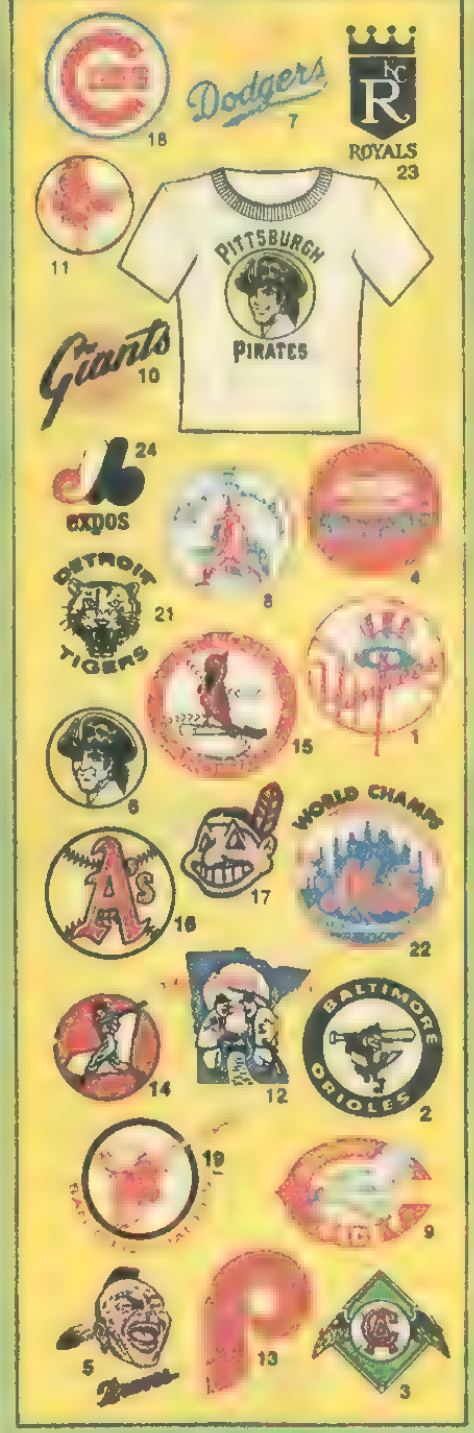

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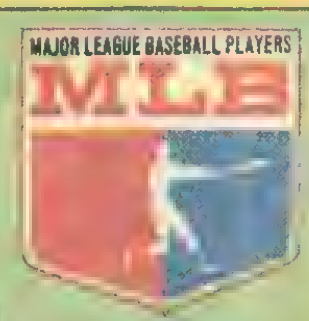

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VROOOMM
NOW TO FLUSH OUT THE GAME--AND THOSE TWO LOOK LIKE GOOD STARTERS!
LET'S SHAKE THOSE TWO UP A LITTLE!
NASTY IS UNAWARE THAT THE TWO VICTIMS SHE HAS CHOSEN TO TERRORIZE ARE MARION WATERS AND LINDA LEE DANVERS--THE VERY ONE SHE IS LOOKING FOR--SUPERGIRL!
MARION--LOOK OUT!
BROOOOM
OUT OF THE WAY, PEASANTS!
IF SUPERGIRL'S AROUND, SHE'LL HAVE TO REVEAL HERSELF OR HER REPUTATION WILL BE RUINED IF I'M ALLOWED TO RUN WILD TOO LONG!
HA! HA! DID YOU SEE THEM JUMP?
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LINDA-- WHY DID SHE DO THAT?
I DON'T KNOW.
BUT I'LL SOON FIND OUT-- AS SUPER-GIRL!
LATER, THAT SAME DAY IN THE GIRLS LOCKER ROOM--
NICE LOOKING BRACELET YOU GOT THERE--
IT'LL LOOK A LOT BETTER ON ME THAN IT DOES ON YOU!
STAY OUT OF THIS, DANVERS
NO! NO!
IT WAS MY MOTHER'S-- SHE--SHE--
SO GIMME!
OH, THIS IS HORRIBLE--AS LINDA DANVERS, I'M HELPLESS--
SOB-- SOB--
--BUT IF I REVEAL MYSELF AS SUPER-GIRL--
ALL THE WORK I'VE DONE BUILDING UP MY SECRET IDENTITY WILL BE RUINED--
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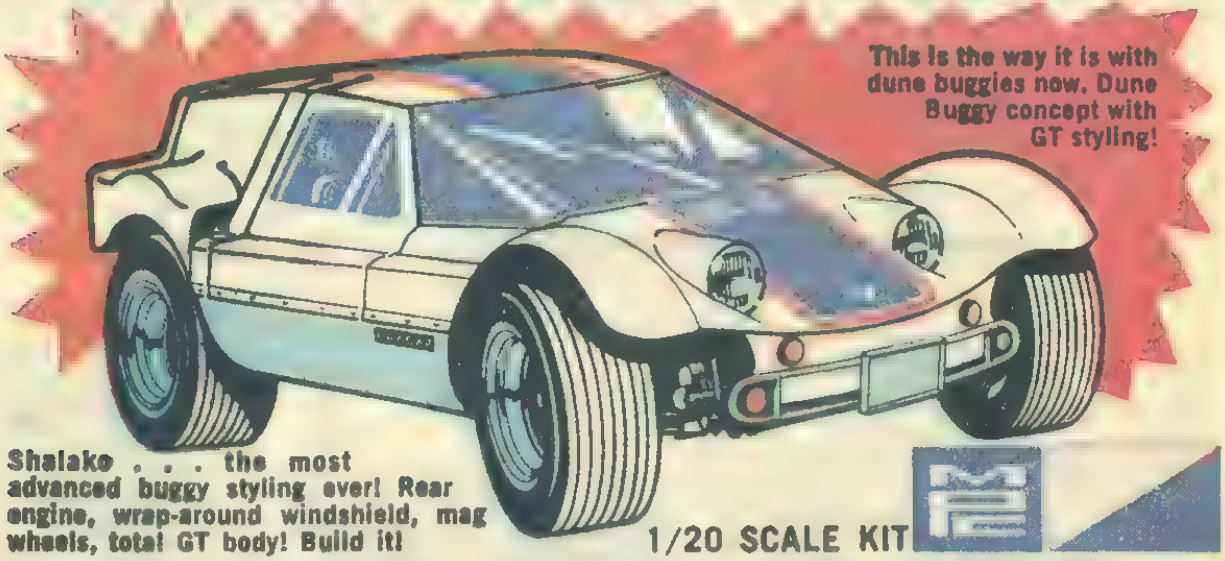

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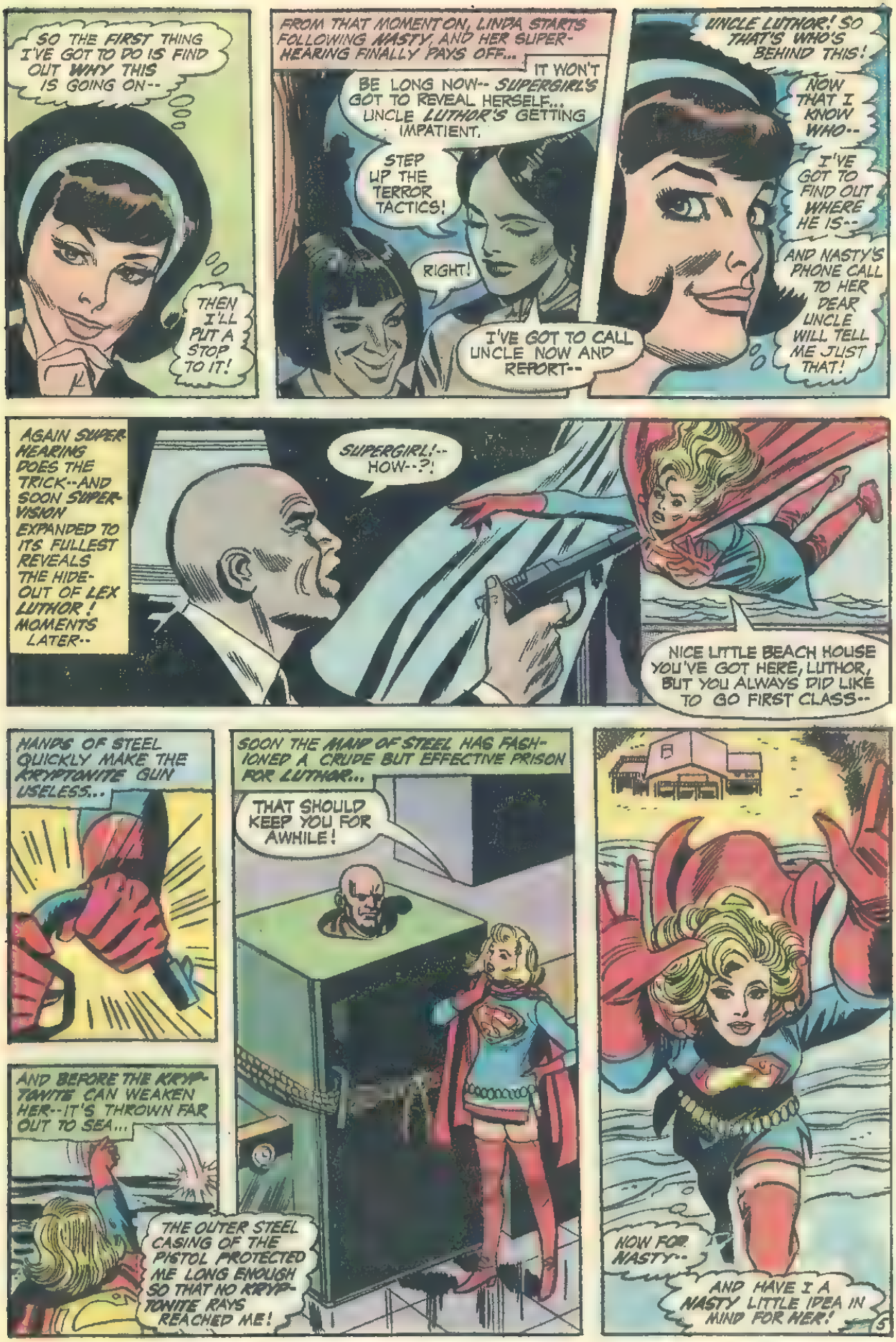
SO THE FIRST THING I'VE GOT TO DO IS FIND OUT WHY THIS IS GOING ON--
THEN I'LL PUT A STOP TO IT!
FROM THAT MOMENT ON, LINDA STARTS FOLLOWING NASTY, AND HER SUPER-HEARING FINALLY PAYS OFF...
IT WON'T BE LONG NOW-- SUPERGIRL'S GOT TO REVEAL HERSELF... UNCLE LUTHOR'S GETTING IMPATIENT.
STEP UP THE TERROR TACTICS!
RIGHT!
I'VE GOT TO CALL UNCLE NOW AND REPORT--
UNCLE LUTHOR! SO THAT'S WHO'S BEHIND THIS!
NOW THAT I KNOW WHO--
I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHERE HE IS--
AND NASTY'S PHONE CALL TO HER DEAR UNCLE WILL TELL ME JUST THAT!
AGAIN SUPER-HEARING DOES THE TRICK--AND SOON SUPER-VISION EXPANDED TO ITS FULLEST REVEALS THE HIDE-OUT OF LEX LUTHOR! MOMENTS LATER--
SUPERGIRL!-- HOW--?!
NICE LITTLE BEACH HOUSE YOU'VE GOT HERE, LUTHOR, BUT YOU ALWAYS DID LIKE TO GO FIRST CLASS--
HANDS OF STEEL QUICKLY MAKE THE KRYPTONITE GUN USELESS...
AND BEFORE THE KRYPTONITE CAN WEAKEN HER--IT'S THROWN FAR OUT TO SEA...
THE OUTER STEEL CASING OF THE PISTOL PROTECTED ME LONG ENOUGH SO THAT NO KRYPTONITE RAYS REACHED ME!
SOON THE MAID OF STEEL HAS FASHIONED A CRUDE BUT EFFECTIVE PRISON FOR LUTHOR...
THAT SHOULD KEEP YOU FOR AWHILE!
NOW FOR NASTY--
AND HAVE I A NASTY LITTLE IDEA IN MIND FOR HER!
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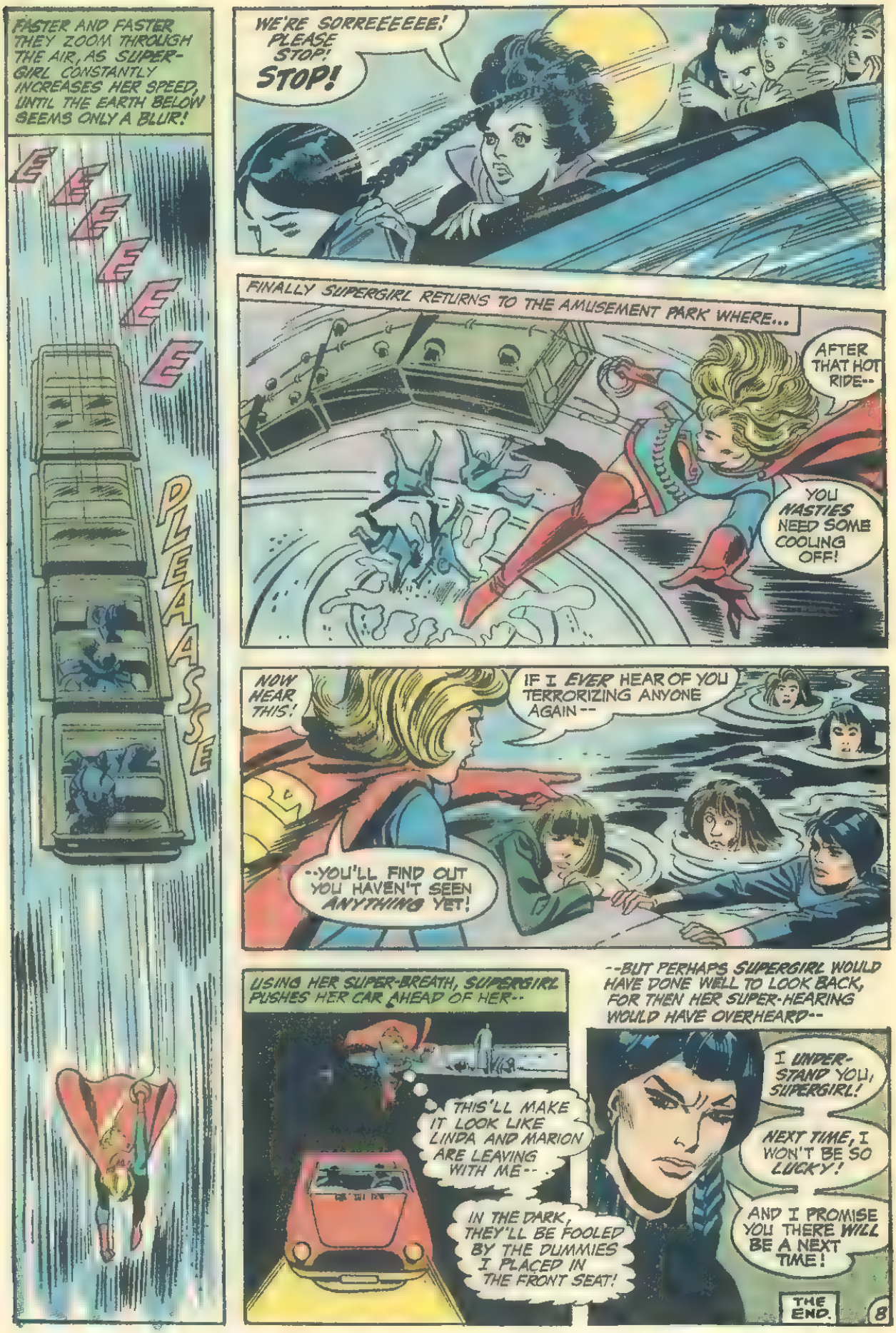
THAT EVENING, LINDA DANVERS' LITTLE CAR DRIVES OFF CAMPUS AND INTO TOWN...
SO NASTY WANTS TO MEET SUPERGIRL? WELL TONIGHT SHE'S GOING TO GET HER WISH!
SUDDENLY, THE POWERFUL ROAR OF MOTORBIKES IS HEARD BEHIND LINDA...
THEY'RE HERE--NOW I HOPE SHE AND HER LITTLE PALS FOLLOW...
PROOOMMMM
IT'S WORKING-- THEY'RE STILL BEHIND ME!
KEEP COMING, NASTY!
THERE THEY GO!
AFTER THEM-- WE CAN'T LOSE THEM NOW!
RUN THEM TO THE GROUND--
THEN WE'LL TIE THEM TO OUR BIKES AND RUN THEM THROUGH TOWN--
MAYBE THEIR SCREAMS WILL BRING SUPERGIRL OUT OF HIDING!
NOW, I HOPE NASTY'S NASTIES SPOT ME HIDING HERE AND THEY ALL COME AFTER ME!
SUPERGIRL GETS HER WISH, FOR--
THERE--THE MERRY-GO-ROUND!
THEY'RE HIDING IN HERE!
C'MON!

AS THE NASTIES POUR ONTO THE CAROUSEL, SUPERGIRL DUCKS BEHIND A NEAR BUILDING AND...
OFF WITH LINDA DANVERS AND ON WITH SUPERGIRL!
USING HER SUPER STRENGTH, THE MAID OF STEEL BODILY LIFTS THE MERRY-GO-ROUND INTO THE AIR--
EEEEE! WHAT'S GOING ON?
NO! THIS ISN'T THE WAY IT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN!
SOMEHOW SUPERGIRL TRICKED US INSTEAD OF WE HER!
FASTER AND FASTER, THE CAROUSEL WHIRLS ON THE TIP OF SUPER-GIRL'S FINGER--
FIRST WE'LL GO FOR A LITTLE SPIN--
--THEN FOR A FAST RIDE ON THE ROLLER ROCKET!


FASTER AND FASTER THEY ZOOM THROUGH THE AIR, AS SUPER-GIRL CONSTANTLY INCREASES HER SPEED, UNTIL THE EARTH BELOW SEEMS ONLY A BLUR!
EEEEEEE
PLEAASSE
WE'RE SORREEEEEE! PLEASE STOP! STOP!
FINALLY SUPERGIRL RETURNS TO THE AMUSEMENT PARK WHERE...
AFTER THAT HOT RIDE--
YOU NASTIES NEED SOME COOLING OFF!
NOW HEAR THIS!
IF I EVER HEAR OF YOU TERRORIZING ANYONE AGAIN--
--YOU'LL FIND OUT YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING YET!
USING HER SUPER-BREATH, SUPERGIRL PUSHES HER CAR AHEAD OF HER--
THIS'LL MAKE IT LOOK LIKE LINDA AND MARION ARE LEAVING WITH ME--
IN THE DARK, THEY'LL BE FOOLED BY THE DUMMIES I PLACED IN THE FRONT SEAT!
--BUT PERHAPS SUPERGIRL WOULD HAVE DONE WELL TO LOOK BACK, FOR THEN HER SUPER-HEARING WOULD HAVE OVERHEARD--
I UNDERSTAND YOU, SUPERGIRL!
NEXT TIME, I WON'T BE SO LUCKY!
AND I PROMISE YOU THERE WILL BE A NEXT TIME!
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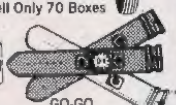
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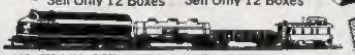
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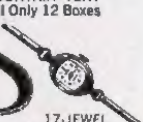
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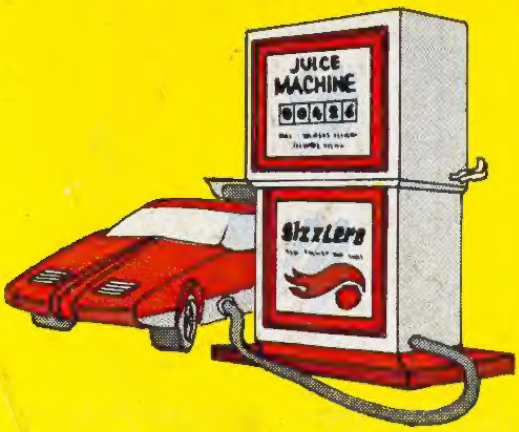

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